



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
SEVERE WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK
OCTOBER 27-31, 2008

WHEREAS, North Dakota is vulnerable to various types of severe winter weather, including extremely cold temperatures, dangerous wind chills, ice storms, snowstorms and freezing rain; and

WHEREAS, severe winter weather can cause injury and death through hypothermia, frost bite, heart attack, stroke, traffic accidents and other related causes; and

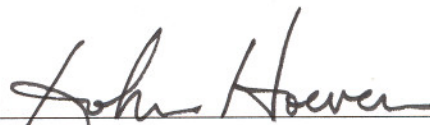
WHEREAS, severe winter weather can interrupt electrical and communication services to homes, schools and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the loss of life and property during the winter months can be greatly reduced if North Dakotans take appropriate preparedness measures before, during and after experiencing severe winter weather; and

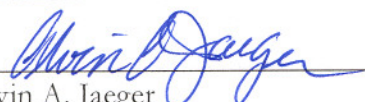
WHEREAS, the recent history of mild winter weather may provide a false sense of preparedness, and so citizens should remain vigilant in dealing with the dangers associated with severe winter weather; and

WHEREAS, preparedness procedures will be highlighted throughout Severe Winter Weather Awareness Week as the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services joins with the National Weather Service, North Dakota Highway Patrol, North Dakota Department of Transportation, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department, North Dakota Fire Marshall's Office and other local emergency management offices to provide winter safety information to citizens throughout the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 27-31, 2008, **SEVERE WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State